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SUBJ: PROSPECT OF RESUMED FRG-PDRY RELATIONS

1. PRESIDENTIAL POLITICAL ADVISER NU'MAN HAS INFORMED AMBASSADOR THAT HE IS EXERCISING GOOD OFFICES ROLE LOOKING TOWARD RESUMPTION OF FRG-PDRY RELATIONS.

2. ACCORDING NU'MAN, SOME INITIAL DISCREET CONTACTS BETWEEN FRG AND PDRY HAD ALREADY TAKEN PLACE IN PARIS BEFORE HE INVOLVED HIMSELF. AWARE OF THESE CONTACTS FROM PDRY MIN STATE ABDULLAH KHAMIRI, WHO IS THE PRINCIPAL CHANNEL BETWEEN PDRY AND YARG IN DISCUSSION OF UNITY MATTERS AND OTHER PROBLEMS, NU'MAN SUGGESTED TO FRG AMBASSADOR HELD THAT SITE OF DISCUSSION BE MOVED TO SANAA. HE OFFERED HIS OWN HOUSE AS MEETING PLACE BETWEEN HELD AND KHAMIRI.

3. FOLLOWING NU'MAN'S OFFER, HELD QUERIED BONN AND ON FEBRUARY 16 RECEIVED BONN'S AUTHORIZATION CONDUCT DISCUSSIONS HERE. THIS WAS COMMUNICATED BY NU'MAN BY TELEPHONE TO KHAMIRI, WHO CURRENTLY VISITING KUWAIT
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(SEPTEL). KHAMIRI WAS GRATIFIED AND ASKED ONLY THAT

HELD CONFIRM BONN'S AUTHORIZATION BY NOTE CONVEYED THROUGH
NU'MAN. HELD CABLING BONN TO ASK WHETHER THIS PERMISSIBLE
IN ABSENCE OF RELATIONS.

4. COMMENT: PDRY'S EVIDENT INTEREST IN RENEWING RELATIONS
WITH FRG IS OF INTEREST AND SIGNIFICANCE. PDRY
HAS VERY CLOSE TIES WITH GDR, WHICH PROVIDES SUPPORT IN
INTELLIGENCE AND OTHER FIELDS. WE WONDER IF PDRY, AS
BETWEEN CHAIRMAN SALIM RUBAYYI' ALI AND SEC GEN ISMA'IL
FUNCTION OF ITS PRESENT INTERNAL POLITICAL MANEUVERING,
IS SEEKING REDUCE SOMEWHAT ITS DEPENDENCE ON BLOC
STATES AND PUT ITS FOREIGN RELATIONS IN SLIGHTLY BETTER
BALANCE.
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